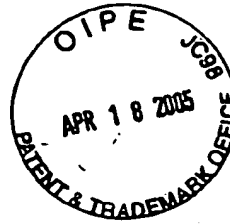


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SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Turbine blade

TECHNICAL FIELD

- 5 This invention relates to a turbine blade, both a guide blade or a moving blade
for a gas turbine.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- An example of a turbine blade according to the prior art is shown in Fig. 1 and 2
10 of the accompanying drawings. The turbine blade 1 has a blade body or airfoil 2 extend-
ing from an outer platform 3 to an inner platform 4. The airfoil 2 is hollow and receives
a gaseous coolant (e.g. air), which is discharged from holes 6 in the trailing edge 7. The
interior of the airfoil 2 also communicates with the pressure side 8 and suction side 9 of
the airfoil through rows of film cooling holes 11 so that the outside of the airfoil is
15 cooled by a film which forms on the surface. Similar rows of holes 12 are formed in the
platforms 3, 4. The turbine blade 1 is made by casting and there is a smooth transition or
fillet 13 between each of the pressure and suction sides 8, 9 of the airfoil 2 and each of
the platforms 3, 4.

- 20 For efficient cooling of the fillets 13, groups 14 of film cooling holes are pro-
vided at several different positions at the fillet. However, these additional holes increase
the amount of gaseous coolant which has to be supplied to the turbine blade 1.

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